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Dear Food and Drug Administration,

It makes me sad to learn about the downed animal trade. Here are some of the things I discovered:

1. The downed animals are too sick to stand. They are commonly left to suffer for hours or days without receiving food, water, or veterinary care, and in many instances, they die of neglect.
2. Often they are dragged to slaughter with chains or pushed with tractors and forklifts--inhumane methods that cause injuries ranging from bruises and abrasions to broken bones and torn ligaments.
3. Downed animals that survive handling and transportation are typically slaughtered for human food.
4. In addition to causing intolerable animal suffering, the slaughter and marketing of downed animals' poses a risk to human health.

Please grant the Farm Sanctuary's petition to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals. Docket number 98P-0151/CP1.

Sincerely,

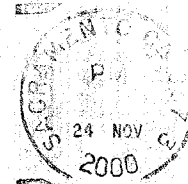


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